

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
 Superintendent's Office,

Sept 26th, 1893

Col A C Busby Chief
 Superintendent

Sir

I have made the inspection
 of the arms ammunition the property
 of the government.

20 - Springfield Rifles & Bayonets good order
 20 - " Carbine " "

The above are Breach Loaders, our ammunition
 for above arms are Metallic Cartridges,
 11 - Revolvers of the "Starr" Pattern with
 and one "Allen" Pattern (pepper box) with tubes for cap.
 tubes for capes. This Revolver I find
 that the guards or watch cannot be
 convinced they are safe, and at times
 to remove the Cartridges. I must fire
 them off myself. They were furnished to

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The Invalid Corps afterwards Veterans
Reserve Corps 2^d Battalion. So you can
judge of the Antiquity, I have not seen
any Belts or Caps or Cartridge Boxes,
during the time I have been Custodian
To Compel the guards to carry the Re-
-volvers around in their hands with no
other Equipments or Uniform does not
present an appearance to Stimulate the
man or elevate his ideas to the responsi-
-bility of guards, or lend any dignity to
his position. I must kindly ask that a
Requisition be made for 12. Improved
Revolvers. Metallic Cartridge (Automatic
fire) Cartridge Belts, adding to this
must further recommend the making of

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3) a Cap and Badge marked "guard"⁴
and a Blouse - this I think would in a
manner be an incentive to keep awake and
add to their appearance a "Sitting up"
as we say in the Army. I would say
I feel sorry to report that we have men
on guard that are incapable, under any
circumstances to perform the duty fully
required. The men should be of such a charac-
-ter and Constitution that in case of fire or
any alarm to respond at once. This some
cannot do. They should be selected from
men that cannot devote their time without
hesitation, or under obligations to some
one outside the building. They should
know that they are as responsible

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as Policemen, Treasury Guard or
a Watchman of a private Firm or
Bank

I think sometimes that the Custodian or Commanding Officer ^{of the guard} should be authorized to make Head Quarters in the building at night, and should not leave the building only as occasion requires and this must be only on application to the Superintendent. This I find at times is quite a Stimulant to the Men, and know its good results by unseen Observation -

Yours Respectfully
James MacLean
Custodian

Mint of the U. S. at Philadelphia, Pa.,

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

Sept 26", 1893.

James E. MacLure.

Custodian

~~Superintendent.~~

SUBJECT:

Report of inspection
of the "arms am-
-munition the property
of the Government"



No. of Inclosures,

[Abstract:] Report of inspections of the “arms ammunition, the property of the government”.

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Col. O.C. Bosbyshell
Superintendent

Sir

I have made the inspection of the arms ammunition the property of the government.

20 – Springfield Rifles & Bayonets good order
20 - “ Carbines “ “

The above are Breech Loaders, our ammunition for above arms are Metallic Cartridges, 11 – Revolvers of the “Starr” Pattern with tubes for caps and one “Allen” Pattern (pepper box) with tubes for caps. This Revolver I find that the guard on watch cannot be convinced they are safe, and at times to renew the cartridges. I must fire them off myself. They were furnished to the Invalid Corps afterwards Veteran Reserve Corps 2nd Battalion. So you can judge of the Antiquity. I have not seen any Bells or Cap or Cartridge Boxes, during the time I have been Custodian to compel the guard to carry the revolvers around in their hand with no other equipments or uniform does not present an appearance to stimulate the mate or elevate his ideas to the responsibility of guard, or lend any dignity to his position. I must kindly ask that a Requisition be made for 12 Improved Revolvers, Metallic Cartridge (Automatic fire) Cartridge Bells, adding to this would further recommend the wearing of a cap and badge marked “guard” and a blouse. This I think would in a manner be an incentive to keep awake and add to their appearances a “sitting up” as we say in the Army. I would say I feel sorry to report that we have men on guard that are incapable, under any circumstances to perform the duty fully required. The men should be of such a character and constitution that in case of fire or any alarm to respond at once. This some cannot do. They should be selected from men that can devote their time without hesitancy, or under obligations to some one outside the building. They should know that they are as responsible as Policemen, Treasury Guard or a Watchman of private firm or bank.

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Yours Respectfully,
James E. MacLaue
Custodian